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Bharat Bandh partial in Mysuru

- Trade Union leaders to meet at Town Hall this evening
- Nationwide strike to continue tomorrow also

Workers staging a dharma as part of Bharat Bandh near Ramaswamy Circle this morning.

Mysuru, Jan. 8 (RK,RKB& MTY)- The two-day nationwide general strike (Bharat Bandh) called by various Trade Unions in protest against the Union Government's alleged anti-labour policies evoked partial response in the city this morning.

All industrial areas, public sector banks, post offices, insurance offices, anganawadi centres and a few private establishments were shut. However private sector banks, co-operative banks, petrol bunks, cinema halls, malls, hotels and other commercial and business establishments functioned as usual.

While a few shops in the central business district remained closed, others were found open and doing business as usual.

The strike did not have any impact on train services. But less than normal passengers were seen in trains to various destinations from the city.

Although all Government Offices were open as usual, the attendance was less when compared to normal days, according to sources. The City Law Courts too functioned as usual.

Most of the educational institutions remained closed in the district as the Deputy Commissioner had declared a holiday as a precautionary measure.

Bus services: Although the city buses started operating as per schedule in the morning, the services were reduced as the day progressed due to lack of passengers. The city bus stand too wore an almost deserted look with few passengers. There was huge Police presence at the city bus stand with two KSRP platoons stationed closeby as a security measure.

Sub-urban bus stand: The usual buzz at the sub-urban bus stand was not seen today on account of less number of passengers. The KSRTC which had stopped bus services to Bengaluru this morning, later ran skeletal bus service to Bengaluru and other places. However, shuttle services to Mandya, Ramanagara, Malavalli, H.D. Kote, Hunsur, Nanjangud etc., were near normal. But the authorities allowed the buses to ply only after a good number of passengers boarded.

All inter-State schedules were cancelled and as such there were no buses to Kerala and Tamil Nadu.

Hospitals and emergency services were not affected. Autos, lorries, goods vehicles and other public transport vehicles plied as usual. However, several private buses were off the roads and only a few operated.

The APMC Yard at Bandipalya on Nanjangud Road and RMC Market on Sayyaji Rao Road functioned normally. Indira Canteens in city were open.

Devaraja Market, V.V. Market and other markets saw business as usual, with the general strike making no impact on them.

(See BANDH on page 9)

Lokayukta in city

Karnataka Lokayukta Justice Vishwanath Shetty flanked by ADGP A.S.N. Murthy (left) and Deputy Commissioner Abhiram G. Sankar during a closed-door meeting at ZP Hall this morning.

Mysuru, Jan. 8 (RK&SR)- Lokayukta Justice Vishwanath Shetty held a closed-door meeting with district-level officials at Zilla Panchayat (ZP) Meeting Hall here this morning.

The Lokayukta collected information from the officials regarding the progress achieved pertaining to pending Lokayukta cases across the district.

Lokayukta Additional Director General of Police (ADGP) A.S.N Murthy, DC Abhiram G. Sankar, Zilla Panchayat Chief Executive Officer K. Jyothi, Officials from Police Department, Mysuru City Corporation, Mysuru Urban Development Authority and others were present in the meeting.

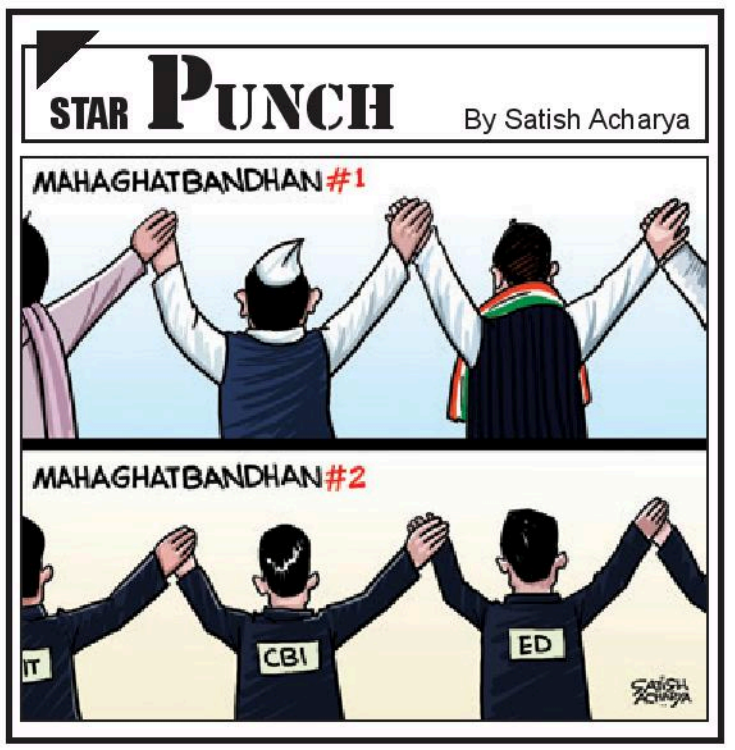
SC reinstates Alok Verma as CBI Director

Alok Verma

New Delhi, Jan.8- The Supreme Court (SC) today set aside the Government's order divesting Alok Verma's power as the CBI Director and sending him on leave.

Verma is now set to join back the CBI as its chief. However, the SC Bench ordered Verma not to take any major policy decision with regard to the functioning of CBI on his resuming office as the CBI Director.

The SC passed "cease and desist" order against Verma which would cripple him from taking any major decision till the selection committee decides his fate. The SC said that there was no provision in law which permits the Government to divest the CBI Director of his powers without prior consent from the high-powered committee. Today's judgement was penned by CJI Ranjan Gogoi. The SC also set aside the Centre's decision to appoint senior IPS Officer M. Nageswara Rao as the Interim Chief of the agency.



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Mysuru, Tuesday 8th January 2019

Sanctity of secured steady salary

We have amidst us a fast diminishing number of elderly citizens who can recount from their unfailing memory the many aspects of salary that jobs commanded even during the closing years of the first half of the last century. Teachers in schools under the government management drew salaries of a princely sum in just two digits, in the august company of staff of low hierarchy in the few departments of the government who also took home small cash on the first day of the month. Teachers in colleges drew salaries in three digits, a number close to the smallest three-digit number. The so-called gazetted officers too drew salaries nothing much to write home about. The now-hard-to-believe quantities of grocery on other needs that the rupee could fetch in those bygone days is another matter. Maybe, opportunities for landing jobs with steady salary were limited, but that should be weighed against the population of the land, a fraction of the total headcount now.

The days of euphoria following announcements by the government with details of hike in basic pay and different allowances, based on the recommendations of the successive pay commissions, decennially, have faded on the count of excitement. The army of quill-drivers has apparently got into the groove of imagining the next event of constituting the Pay Commission. Salary-related action has turned routine, being considered as a right and sanctified.

While the track record of successive governments of the day both at the Centre and in the States is marked with low rating in public domain, and certainly by the opposition in various legislative bodies, the staff drawing salary and pension from the *treasury*, numbering nearly 10 million on the rolls of the Union Government and their counterpart in the governments of the 36 States and Union Territories have every reason to feel gratified and be grateful receiving their pay cheques like clockwork, not to forget prompt payment of arrears due to frequent hikes in salaries.

The steadily mounting outlay on salary and pension of the government employees has long crossed the worrisome point, only in the circles of the ministry of finance. While self-employed *entrepreneurs* have increased over the past two-and-half years, not everyone of them command a salary that is both steady and secured, but the pay cheque from the government enjoys its own sanctity.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

NEW YEAR RESOLUTION: ***On Monday, the last day of the 2018, Lok Sabha Speaker Sumitra Mahajan urged all members of the House to resolve to not enter the Well of the House and work in accordance with the rules in 2019. Amid sloganeering by Congress and All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam members, Mahajan requested MPs of both parties to go to their respective seats for her sake, following which the MPs from both parties sat down. "Today is the last day of the year… it should be the last day when you enter the Well of the House…" Mahajan said. She also indicated that there was a rule which prohibited members from entering the Well of the House and they should comply with it. While Mahajan was making these remarks, members listened to her patiently. Later, Mahajan announced that January 1 will be a holiday and the House would assemble on Wednesday. The Rajya Sabha also decided that the New Year's Day will be a holiday.*** — *In Business Standard*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Firefighter accused of setting houses on fire

Pennsylvania: A volunteer firefighter from Western Pennsylvania was recently charged with arson, criminal mischief and risking catastrophe after allegedly setting two houses on fire because he was bored.

Last month, Police in Munhall, a community located about 8 miles southeast of Pittsburgh, arrested 19-year-old Ryan Laubham, for allegedly setting fire to a pair of occupied homes. After checking CCTV footage, authorities identified Laubham as the prime suspect in both cases, and he himself admitted to the crimes, saying that he had set the houses on fire because he was bored.

He was charged with five arson related charges, two counts of causing or risking a catastrophe and two counts of criminal mischief, and was sent to county jail after failing to cover the $200,000 bond.

The most amazing cakes

Kaliningrad: Elena Gnut, Pastry Chef from Kaliningrad, Russia, is already recognised as one of the world's most talented cake artists. Her cakes look more like artistic sculptures than treats meant to be eaten.

Whether she's molding the frosting into whimsical shapes or using edible dyes to paint incredible scenes or portraits, the young confectioner is always coming up with new and intriguing ideas that keep her Instagram fans coming back for more.

Browsing through her popular Instagram, you often feel like you've found the most amazing cake you've ever seen, but then you scroll further down and find even more impressive ones.

Each cake is a different piece of art, with a unique style and theme. Her artwork or pastries are always authentic and original. Not only are they pretty cakes, but they are cool cakes.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

Is there a natural way to lower my blood sugar?

Over 10 studies have demonstrated that aloe juice can reduce blood sugar by 30 to 40 per cent. 86 million Americans have pre-diabetes, a condition where blood sugar is elevated enough to increase risk for diabetes and heart disease. Drink 1 TBSP per day.

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Impressionz presents
Arnav Jewellery
Expo-cum-sale on Jan.10, 11

Impressionz has organised an expo-cum-sale of Arnav Jewellery at Maya (The Old House), JLB Road, on Jan.10 and 11 from 10.30 am to 8 pm.

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Really...?

- ***In Japanese, the name "Japan" is Nihon or Nippon, which means "Land of the Rising Sun." It was once believed that Japan was the first country to see the sun rise in the East in the morning.***
- ***Japan has the third longest life expectancy in the world with men living to 81 years old and women living to almost 88 years old. The Japanese live on average four years longer than Americans.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

"Do you love me, Mulla?" whispered the girl.
"Of course I do," ***Mulla Nasrudin whispered back.***
"Will you marry me then?" ***she asked.***
"Let's not change the subject?" ***said Nasrudin.***

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VOICE OF THE READER

Of Linguistic Pride and Prejudice: A reader writes

Sir,

This refers to the article ***"Of Linguistic Pride and Prejudice — H.D. Kumaraswamy, Chief Minister, has a point"*** *(SOM* dated Jan. 5). I have been an avid reader of *SOM* till date and not once KBG's articles in the column *Abracadabra* has failed to amaze me. *SOM* has always believed that comments are free but facts are sacred and since comments are free, I want to take liberty to freely state my comment on the aforementioned issue.

I work for an NGO called U&I where I go every weekend to teach English to "underprivileged" kids. The reason, I believe, that these kids are polarised to be called underprivileged is because they are not privileged to master the language of the world. I personally see kids struggling to read basic of the basic letters and I have seen them distraught because they failed at it. We go there and help them read and write English because we want them to have access to the quality education, we want to see them make big in life and primarily, we do not want them to be called underprivileged or disadvantaged because they could never make an attempt at learning.

This initiative by HDK to introduce English medium in 1,000 Government Schools will definitely go a long way, if implemented rightly. It would mean that the elderly lady you met in the morning would be happy to see her daughter at an Ayurvedic Centre, it would mean that the Government is not jeopardising the future of "underprivileged" children in the guise of linguistic pride.

—Sindhu Nagaraj
Mysuru 6.1.2019

Dr. G. Parameshwara supports CM over English Medium issue

Bengaluru, Jan.8 (KMS&DM)- In a boost to Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy's plan to introduce English medium of instruction in 1,000 Government Primary Schools, Deputy Chief Minister Dr. G. Parameshwara of the Congress has said that he would wholly support the CM's move.

Parameshwara

In a diametrically opposite stand to that of his party colleague and former CM Siddharamaiah, who has been strongly opposing the move, Dr. Parameshwara, underlining the need for empowering underprivileged children, said the introduction of English medium in Government Schools was a good idea.

Speaking to presspersons here yesterday, the Deputy CM said that the plan to start English medium in Government Schools has been announced in the State Budget. Pointing out that he supports the Chief Minister on the issue, Dr. Parameshwara said that learning English was essential as it has become a criteria for getting jobs nowadays.

Noting that it should not be perceived that Kannada will be sidelined by learning English, the Deputy Chief Minister observed that English would be taught in addition to Kannada.

Science Centres to come up in all Districts: Dy.CM

Bengaluru, Jan.8 (KMS&SR)- Deputy Chief Minister Dr. G. Parameshwara, who is also handling IT&BT, Science and Technology Department, said the Government had taken a decision to set up Science Centres in all Districts.

Speaking after inaugurating the Science Conference of Southern Indian States at Bengaluru yesterday, he said that the Government has taken this decision with to promote Science and Technology. The onus of setting them up and maintaining them would be on the Science and Technology Department and the Education Department.

The Department of Science and Technology has laid thrust upon developing scientific temper among the youth. "Towards this direction, the Department has decided to construct Sub-Regional Science Centres and Planetariums in various Districts, including those in Hyderabad-Karnataka," he said.

Five mobile Planetariums are moving across the State and seven more would be launched in the days to come, he added.

Remembering the contributions of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, the architect of Indian Constitution for promotion of Science and Technology across the country, he said that Dr. Ambedkar had advocated to spread Science through school syllabus widely.

The erstwhile Wadiyars of Mysore have also contributed for promotion of Science by providing 500 acres of land for construction of IISc., campus in Bengaluru those days, he said.

No power tomorrow

Mysuru, Jan. 8- Owing to emergency maintenance works, power supply will be disrupted tomorrow (Jan. 9) between 10 am and 6 pm in the following areas: Jayanagar, Chikkaharadanahalli, Kuvempunagar K-Block, KG Koppal and surrounding areas, Srirampura Naidu Store and surrounding areas.

No power at Thayur Power Distribution Centre from 9 am to 3 pm: Thayur (lift irrigation), Eshwaragowdanahalli, Vaddarahundi, Beerihundi, Kottarayanahundi, Gejjaganahalli, Kahalli and Kalkunda surrounding areas, according to a press release.

Entrance Test for Navodaya admission

Mysuru, Jan. 8- The entrance test for admission to 9th Standard at Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya will be held on Feb.2 from 10 am to 12.30 pm at the Vidyalaya premises at DMG Halli in the district. Admission tickets can be downloaded from *www.nvsadmissionclassnine.in* or *www.navodaya.gov.in* or *www.jnvmysore.edu.in.* They can be obtained from the school also before Jan. 25, according to a press release.

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NEWS BRIEFS

'Chiguru' event at Varuna tomorrow

'Chiguru', a cultural programme organised by Kannada and Culture Department, will take place at Government Higher Primary School, Varuna in Mysuru taluk at 11 am tomorrow (Jan.9). Varuna MLA Dr. Yathindra Siddharamaiah will inaugurate the event. Varuna Gram Panchayat President Kanthamma will preside.

Yuva Sourabha at T.Narasipur on Jan.11

'Yuva Sourabha', a Youth Cultural Programme organised by Kannada and Culture Department, will be held at Government First Grade College, T. Narasipur town at 11 am on Jan.11. T. Narasipur MLA Ashwin Kumar will inaugurate the programme. TP President R. Chaluvaraju will preside.

Vokkaliga meeting

Pushing for reservation for the community, the Vokkaligara Meesalathi Horata Samithi has convened a meeting of community members at Town Hall in city at 10.30 am on Jan. 10. For details, call Mob: 99026-98623 or 99160-60613.

Donation

Mysore Lodge No.34 - Free Masons recently donated Rs.15,800 to Chamundi Children's Home to procure milk and food products. M.C. Nandakumar and T.V. Raghothamma Rao presented the cheque to Vice-President Dr. J.V. Narayan and Sharada Narayan.

New District Hospital at Mysuru in March 2019

Mysuru, Jan. 8 (RK&SR)- Pressure on State-run K.R. Hospital will soon be a thing of the past as the District Hospital is coming up on KRS Road and is scheduled to be inaugurated in March 2019. Mysuru does not have a District Hospital unlike other districts as K.R. Hospital and Cheluvamba Hospital are taking the load.

Established by the Wadiyars, so far the K.R. Hospital and Cheluvamba Hospital have been catering to patients from Mysuru, Chamarajanagar, H.D. Kote, Hunsur, Mandya and even Kodagu Districts. K.R. Hospital or 'Doddaspathre' as termed by the rural folk and Cheluvamba Hospital are the teaching hospitals attached to the Mysore Medical College and Research Institute (MMC&RI) under the Directorate of Medical Education.

On an average, every day, 1,200 patients visit K.R. Hospital and Cheluvamba Hospital. With just a skeleton staff working here, the doctors face a daunting task in treating all the patients. Once the District Hospital starts functioning, more than 50 percent of the patients can be diverted to this centre and the doctors at K.R. and Cheluvamba Hospitals can dedicate more time to their patients.

The new District Hospital has been built at a vast area on KRS Road (in the Epidemic Hospital premises) and the campus is spread across 13 acres. The 300-bedded District Hospital will have multispecialty facilities. It will be a three-storied building and will have all specialists including Paediatricians, Orthopaedicians and Gynaecologists.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, District Surgeon Dr. Pashupathi said that the construction of the new District Hospital was taken up at a cost of Rs. 70 crore by Karnataka Health System Development and Reform Project, in association with Bengaluru-based Star Developers.

Except minor painting works, the implementing agency has almost completed all the pending civil works and the building will be ready for public use in a matter of days. Once the implementing agency completes the works, the keys will be handed over to the Department of Health and Family Welfare. The Department is installing new equipment on a war-footing. Preference will be given for mother and children care at the new hospital, he said.

Due to a lot of pressure faced by K.R. and Cheluvamba Hospitals, elected representatives of the region had exerted pressure on the State Government to sanction the District Hospital. An exclusive hospital for Mysuru was also one of the main demands of the Department of Health and Family Welfare as Mysuru lacked such a facility despite being a Tier-II city.

The 300-bed District Hospital has all the multi-speciality facilities like blood collection unit, outpatient ward, operation theatre, post operative wards, labour wards, special wards and physiotherapy sections. It will have specialists including Orthopaedicians, Paediatricians and Dermatologists like the K.R. Hospital and Cheluvamba Hospital. Apart from this, the hospital will have six operation theatres, four lifts and an oxygen room, neurology, administrative block, ICUs, Resident Medical Officer's section and other facilities.

The basement of the building has facilities like OPD, Gynaecology and Ultrasound, Scanning, Labour Lab, Post-Labour Lab, Oxygen Cylinder Room and Paediatrics division. The ground floor has facilities like Pharmacy, Injection Centre, ECG and Treadmill, Echo Cardiology, Minor Operation Theatre, Special Wards, Emergency Division and Orthopaedics.

City emerging as Medical Hub

Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences

ESI Hospital

PKTB Hospital

Epidemic Diseases (ED) Hospital

Mysuru which boasts of heritage, culture, education, tourism and industries is also emerging as a medical hub due to the presence of innumerable healthcare institutions, both private and public-owned in recent years.

The century-old K.R. Hospital and Cheluvamba Hospital that are located in the heart of the city have carved its own history by ensuring medical services to the poor. The present Government Ayurveda College and Hospital is also catering treatment to the poor patients since inception.

Successive Governments at the Centre and State have also evinced keen interest to strengthen the medical needs of the region and funding the construction of numerous hospitals. New hospitals funded by the Government are coming up in Jayalakshmipuram, Vontikoppal, Brindavan Extension, Kumbarakoppal and Metagalli. PKTB and ESI Hospital on KRS Road were constructed years ago ensuring medical care to tuberculosis patients and those suffering from chest-related ailments.

The establishment of Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research Centre behind PKTB Sanatorium has emerged as a boon for heart patients from this part of the State. Even the Epidemic Diseases Hospital caters to the need of patients who suffer from contagious diseases. And now, adding to the list is the new District Hospital on KRS Road.

Vishwamanava Express to be extended to Ashokapuram

Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha** (extreme right) **seen with Union Railway Minister Piyush Goyal** (centre) **and SWR General Manager Ajay Kumar Singh during the Minister's recent visit to Mysuru. Picture right shows Pratap Simha with Union Minister for Tribal Welfare Jual Oram and Union Minister D.V. Sadananda Gowda, after submitting a memorandum to Jual Oram seeking passing of the Bill in Lok Sabha that facilitates inclusion of Talawara and Parivara communities in the ST list.

Mysuru, Jan.8- The Ministry of Railways has agreed to extend Vishwamanava Express running between Mysuru and Hubballi via Bengaluru to Ashokapuram.

Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha had submitted a proposal in this regard to Railway Minister Piyush Goyal when he visited the city on Dec.26, 2018.

The MP then had appealed the Minister to extend Vishwamanava Express, Chamundi Express and Tippu-Siddaganga Super Fast Express to Ashokapuram, which is 5-km from the City Railway Station.

Following the MP's proposal, the Railway Minister has approved extension of Vishwamanava Express (17325/17326) to Ashokapuram and the trains would start running from Ashokapuram shortly.

As per the proposed re-scheduled, the Vishwamanava Express would depart Ashokapuram at 5.15 am and reach Hubballi via Bengaluru at 6.50 pm.

On the return side, the train would depart from Hubballi at 8.30 pm and reach Mysuru at 8.40 pm and leave Mysuru at 9.05 pm to reach Ashokapuram at 9.15 pm.

The MP has also thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Ministers Jual Oram and D.V. Sadanandagowda and State BJP President B.S. Yeddyurappa for including Parivara, Talawar and Siddhi communities under Scheduled Tribes (ST) list.

Bus fare hike to be decided in a week: CM

Bengaluru, Jan.8- Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy on Saturday announced that the bus fare revision will be decided in a week.

Kumaraswamy

All the four Road Transport Corporations of the State — KSRTC, NWKRTC, NEKRTC and BMTC — have been pitching for fare hike citing huge losses. In 2017-18, the four Corporations incurred a cumulative loss of Rs. 600 crore owing to rise in fuel prices and increasing operational expenses.

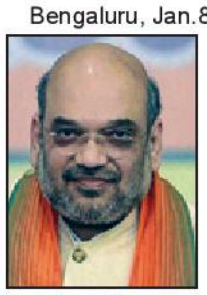
The Transport Department on Sept.17, 2018 had issued an order allowing the Corporations to increase bus fares by 18 percent. However, the orders turned out to be a huge embarrassment for the Chief Minister as it was issued on the day fuel tax was slashed by Rs. 2 per litre and within hours, the order was put on hold.

Meanwhile, Transport Minister D.C. Thammanna said that the Chief Minister has directed the Transport Corporations to also consider the option of introducing variable bus fares keeping in mind the fluctuation in fuel prices.

Maintaining that this system of pricing will help both the public and the Transport Corporations, Thammanna said that as there is fluctuation is diesel prices, the CM has instructed the Corporations to consider pricing bus fares accordingly.

Amit Shah's State visit postponed

Bengaluru, Jan.8- BJP National President Amit Shah's scheduled visit to the State on Jan.9 has been postponed due to the extension of the Winter Session of Parliament.



Amit Shah

Shah was scheduled to visit Tumakuru on Jan.9 and address a public rally the same evening. He was also scheduled to visit Siddaganga Mutt Seer Dr. Sri Shivakumara Swamiji, who is undergoing treatment at a Tumakuru Hospital.

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As per advisories issued by the Pension Fund Regulatory & Development Authority (PFRDA) on 06 December 2018 and 28 December 2018, in case of all partial withdrawal requests captured in the system till 30 November 2018, the required forms, information and documents need to be submitted to the respective nodal offices immediately so that verification and authorization can be completed latest by 31 January 2019. The nodal offices will be: Pay & Accounts Office (PAO) / District Treasury Office (DTO) / Drawing & Disbursing Office (DDO) for the government sector subscribers and Points of Presence (PoPs) for subscribers in other sectors. If a request for partial withdrawal is not authorized in the system by 31 January 2019, it will be treated that the subscriber is no longer interested to seek partial withdrawal and the application / request will be considered as withdrawn.

You are therefore requested to liaise with your nodal office to ensure your online partial withdrawal request, supported by hard copy application and other documents, is duly processed by them well before **31 January 2019**.

In case you face any issues with your nodal office in the above matter, you can approach NPS Trust (along with your Permanent Retirement Account Number - PRAN and your own & your nodal office's contact details) via email:grievances@npstrust.org.

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Claims Vs Facts in a New Year

Point of VIEW

T.J.S. George

Now that a week has passed, we can reckon how many New Year resolutions have already been broken and how many are left to go down the drain. There is nothing here to feel guilty about. What are New Year resolutions for if not for breaking? Anyway, a brand new New Year will come soon enough enabling us to make a whole new set of resolutions to be freshly broken. After all, the purpose of a New Year is not to let us have a new year, as British thinker-writer G.K. Chesterton said. The New Year comes to tell us that "we should have a new soul and a new nose; new feet and a new backbone, new ears and new eyes."

If we absorb the spirit of that sound advice, in the first place, we won't make resolutions that bind us to exercise every morning for half an hour, to save ten rupees every day, to drink 12 glasses of water without fail, etcetera. We will be able to look at traffic jams, pickpockets and politicians with new eyes and new nose, drink unsafe water and breathe poisonous air with a new backbone. In other words, we will be able to cope with what we cannot control.

And what about resolutions that should be made but are not? Justice S.R. Sen of Meghalaya High Court recently showed us how to proceed in this area. He said that there should have been a resolution by the makers of modern India to declare the country a Hindu nation. He urged a new resolution that would allow non-Muslims of Pakistan, Bangladesh and Afghanistan to come to India and claim citizenship here. Any takers?

The Union Government, for its part, appears to have resolved to lease out islands in Andaman and Nicobar to private firms to build holiday homes for foreign tourists. These are islands the ecology of which is famously fragile. They are also considered important in terms of defence. Until recently there were restrictions, for strategic reasons, on visitors to Andaman and Nicobar. All caution is now gone as the islands are being opened for "private firms." Which are these private firms and how private are the forces behind them?

A resolution that should have been passed with some sense of urgency was one banning misinformation by the Government. Since nothing of the sort was done, the Finance Ministry and the PMO itself have been feeding us with false claims and false statistics. The repeated claims about the success of the Swachh Bharat campaign are an example. This mission, with Mahatma Gandhi's spectacle frame as its logo, grabbed headlines with a show of the Prime Minister sweeping a road. It describes itself as "the world's largest cleanliness drive" with "53,565 pledges taken, 26,565 activities done, 40,651 active participants."

The campaign was launched in October 2014. At the end of four years, how clean is India? Of the 15 most polluted cities in the world, 14 are in India; the capital city of New Delhi hit the headlines in 2018 with the air going noxious. According to *Lancet* magazine, 1.2 million Indians died in 2017 due to air pollution problems. In the Environmental Performance Index, India ranked 141 out of 180 in 2016. In just two years, it slipped further down to become 177th out of 180. Lakes in Bangalore became a science curiosity by catching fire; accumulated filth had turned into poisonous white foam covering the surface of the water. In the Global Hunger Index, India stands 103rd out of 119. The highest number of malnutrition deaths in 2017 took place in India. The highest number of stunted children is also in India. Even the aftermath of the Union Carbide disaster 34 years ago received no attention from the authorities. The remains of the catastrophe that killed 4000 people continue to poison groundwater in the area.

> **"The New Year comes to tell us that "we should have a new soul and a new nose; new feet and a new backbone, new ears and new eyes." But India has gone backward, not forward despite the New Years that have come and gone. That reality will prevail even as new promises and new claims rain on us this election season. "Happy New Year" has lost its glamour. It's more relevant to wish "Happy Old Years."**

This is how Swachh our Bharat is.

The listing of failures can go on because attempts to deceive citizens have not worked. Ten million jobs were promised, for example, while only 1.4 million materialised, doubling of farm income promised, but only a 5 percent rise materialised. But there is no need to go on because the picture is clear in spite of the usual tricks of denial. India has gone backward, not forward despite the New Years that have come and gone. That reality will prevail even as new promises and new claims rain on us this election season. "Happy New Year" has lost its glamour. It's more relevant to wish "Happy Old Years."

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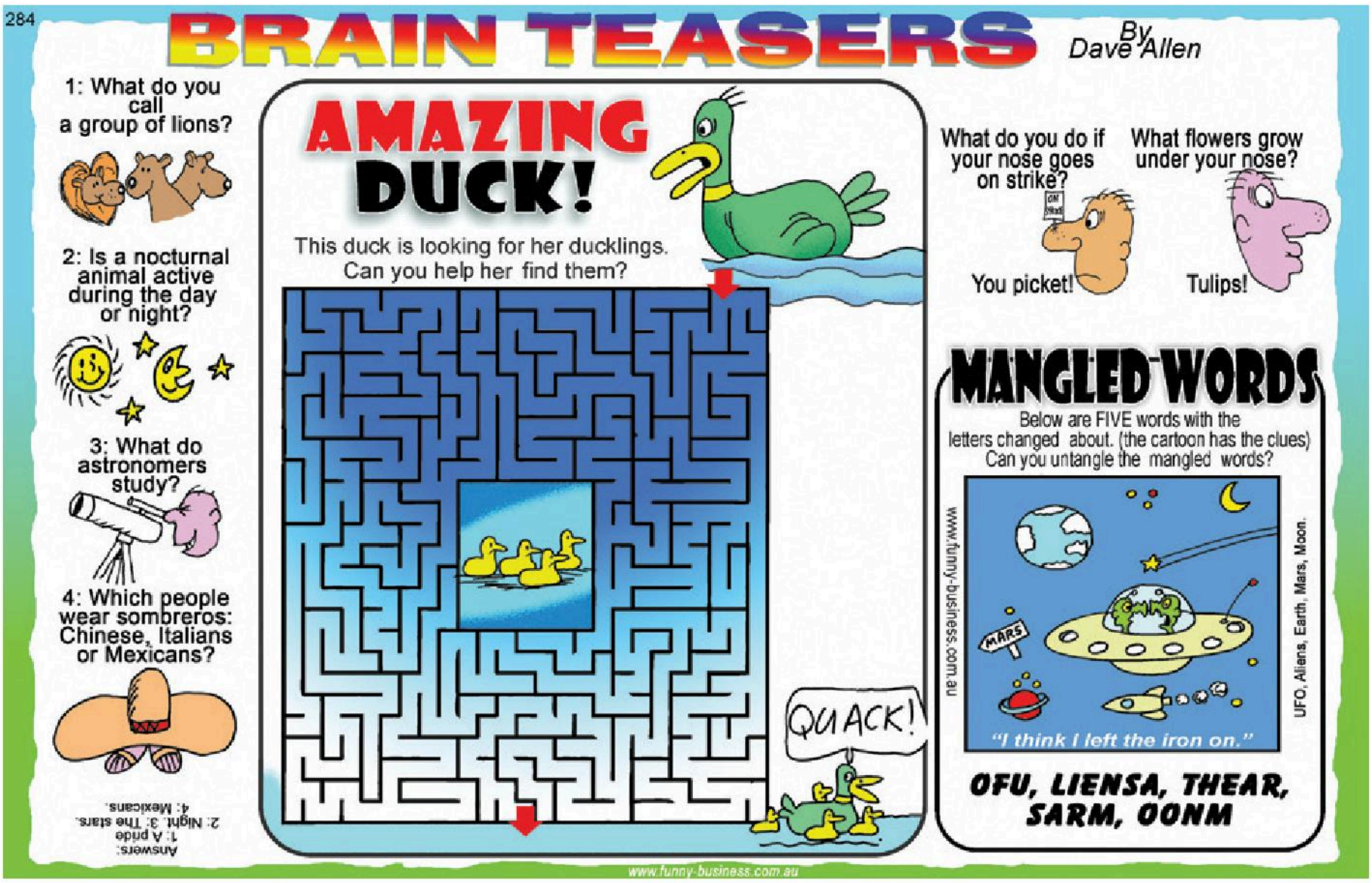
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BRAIN TEASERS
By Dave Allen
1: What do you call a group of lions?
2: Is a nocturnal animal active during the day or night?
3: What do astronomers study?
4: Which people wear sombreros: Chinese, Italians or Mexicans?
Answers:
1: A pride
2: Night. 3: The stars.
4: Mexicans.
AMAZING DUCK!
This duck is looking for her ducklings.
Can you help her find them?
QUACK!
What do you do if your nose goes on strike?
You picket!
What flowers grow under your nose?
Tulips!
MANGLED WORDS
Below are FIVE words with the letters changed about. (the cartoon has the clues)
Can you untangle the mangled words?
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"I think I left the iron on."
www.funny-business.com.au
UFO, Aliens, Earth, Mars, Moon.
OFU, LIENSA, THEAR, SARM, OONM
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Preserve city's heritage buildings

Says *Swachh Survekshan* Brand Ambassador Pramoda Devi Wadiyar

MCC delegation seeks Wadiyar's co-operation to regain Clean City tag

Pramoda Devi Wadiyar, wife of late royal scion Srikanta Datta Narasimharaja Wadiyar, seen with Mayor Pushpalatha Jagannath, MCC Commissioner K.H. Jagadeesha and Deputy Mayor Shafi Ahmed during the MCC delegation visit to the Mysore Palace yesterday. Picture right shows MCC Works Standing Committee led by Chairperson Lakshmi Shivanna inspecting the Lansdowne building yesterday as members K.V. Sridhar, R. Nagaraj, Ashwini Ananthu, Rangaswamy and others look on.

Mysuru, Jan.8 (RK&NNN)- The heritage buildings like Devaraja Market and Lansdowne buildings in the city must be preserved at any cost. Otherwise the tag that Mysuru called the Heritage City will have no meaning, said Pramoda Devi Wadiyar, wife of late royal scion Srikanta Datta Narasimharaja Wadiyar.

She was addressing the issue, when a delegation from Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) led by Mayor Pushpalatha Jagannath met her yesterday at the Mysore Palace to seek her cooperation for Mysuru regaining top spot as the Cleanest City in the country as part of *Swachh Survekshan.*

There are many buildings in the city which have the stamp of heritage and it needs to be preserved at any cost. The HH SNW Foundation with the help of an expert team is restoring Jaganmohan Palace, one of the oldest buildings in the city. If required the experts working on the museum could also be used to preserve the Devaraja Market and Lansdowne building, said Pramoda Devi, who is also the President of the Foundation.

Meanwhile, Pramoda Devi, who is one of the Brand Ambassadors of '*Swachh Survekshan*' said that she was very happy to be associated with the MCC for promoting Mysuru has a Clean City.

She gave a call to the people of the city to cooperate and see that the city regains the top spot again as the Cleanest City in the country this year by downloading *Swachhatha* app and providing information to gain valuable points.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, here this morning, Mayor Pushpalatha Jagannath said that she and her team will see that the heritage structures in the city are preserved as suggested by Pramoda Devi.

However, as far as Devaraja Market and Lansdowne buildings are concerned, the Technical Committee and the Heritage Committee had given conflicting reports and hence, the matter would be placed before the Council again and a decision taken. After the decision is taken it will be communicated to her, she added.

Deputy Mayor Shafi Ahmed, MCC Commissioner K.H. Jagadeesha, Health Officer Dr. Nagaraj, Health Committee Chairman Ramani Ramesh and others were present at the Palace meeting.

MCC Works Panel inspects heritage structures

Later, the Mysuru City Corporation Works Standing Committee headed by Chairperson Lakshmi Shivanna visited both the Devaraja Market and Lansdowne buildings along with the officials and inspected them.

The Committee will also submit a report regarding the status of the buildings which will be placed before the Council and a decision taken whether to preserve the buildings or demolish them and reconstruct.

Swachh Survekshan begins; Onus on citizens too: Mayor

Use Swachhatha App, call 1969 toll free number

Mysuru, Jan.8 (PM&NNN)- Mayor Pushpalatha Jagannath has urged citizens of Mysuru to cooperate and enable Mysuru to regain Cleanest City in India tag under *Swachh Bharat* rankings that it had bagged in 2015 and 2016.

She was addressing a press conference at the Mysuru City Corporation premises on Sunday and said that the present *Swachh Survekshan* had begun from Jan. 4 and will go on till Jan.31. During this period, the Survekshan Team will visit the city.

In 2017, Mysuru was ranked 5th and in 2018 it had gained the top spot in the middle-level category with a population between three lakh and ten lakh. This year there is very good response from citizens and the city is sure to regain the top spot, she said.

Waste disposal at source: Community toilets have been installed in all parts of the city and there are wet and waste bins at all commercial areas. A lot of importance is being given to segregate waste at source itself.

This year the citizen's feedback carries 1,250 marks and at least one per cent feedback from the people is important. Mysureans should download the *Swachhatha* app or call toll free number 1969 to register their feedback, said the Mayor. She added that survey officials will collect feedback in different categories that includes face to face, through outbound calls and also through *Swachh Survekshan* portal.

SWACHH SURVEKSHAN 2019

Responsibility of Clean Roads

"ITC is sponsoring bags to collect dry and wet waste and it will be distributed to 2.6 lakh homes in the city. Already, bags have been distributed in four wards including Mayor Pushpalatha Jagannath's ward. The remaining bags will be distributed in other wards in stages. To maintain cleanliness in major roads of the city, the respective NSS units of colleges will be entrusted the responsibility. A meeting will be called very soon in this regard."

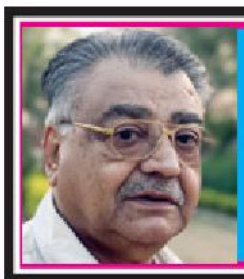
— K.H. Jagadeesha, MCC Commissioner

For more citizens to participate in *Swachh Survekshan*, different types of publicity programmes are being taken up. Digital sign boards installed in various parts of the city are being used for publicity besides *Swachh Survekshan* pamphlets are being distributed at homes. More than 500 teams have been set up at schools and colleges and a lot of importance has been given to social media to spread the message and a separate team has been set up for this purpose, she said.

Feedback in Kannada: MCC Health Officer Dr. Nagaraj said that earlier citizens were complaining that they had to give the feedback only in English or Hindi. However, this year the feedback can be given even in Kannada. The *Survekshan* team is likely to come to Mysuru on Jan. 20.

Public should call toll free number 1969 and reply to seven questions. To the question 'Are you participating in Swachh Survekshan?' if you say 'yes' the call will be disconnected. Immediately, the call will come from Survekshan Team itself. Then if the local STD code is put, seven questions related to city's Survekshan will be asked. Then suitable reply must be given to each one of them, he explained.

Apart from this the Survekshan team will visit the city for 1,250 marks and collect information. They will personally collect all information and take photographs. For the remaining 1,250 marks, necessary documents have to be produced and MCC has made all necessary arrangements for this, he said.



Abracadabra... Abracadabra...

By K.B. Ganapathy

The Rotary Journey:

To S. Korea and Japan —5

The world is a book and those who do not travel read only one page."

—St. Augustine

[Continued from Dec. 12]

Let me pick up the Japanese thread that I had dropped on Dec.12, 2018 and weave the narration today almost two weeks into New Year 2019.

After spending a night in Narita, the city with an International Airport, we left for Tokyo, the capital of Japan, and checked into a hotel by noon and did some shopping till dinner. The following day we decided to visit a park, China Town at Yokohama and the great Buddha statue at Kamakura.

One of the highlights of this visit was to see the statue of the legendary dog Hachiko of a Professor of Tokyo University. The story is Hachiko, a stray dog, was found in the Railway Station in 1924 by a Professor teaching in Tokyo who took Hachiko to his house as a pet. Hachiko would accompany the Professor every morning to the Shibuya Railway Station from where the Professor would travel to Tokyo and when he returned in the evening, Hachiko would accompany the Professor back to his home.

This went on for over an year and the Professor suddenly died of brain haemorrhage in 1925 while delivering a lecture in the University. But Hachiko waited for the Professor at the Railway Station for the arrival of his master whom he could not see thereafter.

According to the legend, Hachiko waited for nine-and-a-half years at the Railway Station for his master to arrive and one day Hachiko died of cancer after 10 years of waiting in 1935. The good people of that place buried Hachiko next to his master's grave in Tokyo and even installed a bronze statue at the Shibuya Railway Station in memory of Hachiko's faithfulness. Ever since, Hachiko's statue has become a tourist attraction along with other places like the China Town and the Buddha statue.

The statue of Hachiko at Shibuya Railway Station, Japan.

Hachiko Square (sometimes called Hachiko Plaza) is perhaps the busiest and best-known meeting place in Tokyo. Named in honour of the famous statue of "Faithful Dog Hachiko," it is fenced in by a department store, two train stations and the well-known Shibuya pedestrian scramble crossing that is said to be the busiest in the world.

Being in Tokyo and being a MRC Member, I grabbed the opportunity to visit the famous Tokyo Race Course when the suggestion came from K.G. Ananthraj Urs, Secretary of Mysore Race Club Ltd. (MRC) and MRC Steward H. Kusumakar Shetty. It is located about 20 miles from Tokyo proper and was established in 1933. Since then, it has been the star-studded race course for numerous unforgettable races where Punters from all over the world arrive. Surprisingly for us, the majestic view of Mount Fuji, the most widely recognised symbol of Japan where our group was scheduled to visit the following day, could be seen from the race course, more clearly from the world-class 'Fuji View Grand Stand.'

We three had the benefit of seeing this place as there was no race on the day of our visit. Imagine, the Grand Stand boasts of being Japan's largest with a seating capacity of 19,000. There was a new Grand Stand as well with 'Multi-Screen Turf Vision.' We found it an amazing race course occupying a very huge area with a Rose Garden, Japanese Garden and children's entertainment area like an amusement park. I was told the Japanese Derby and the Japan Cup races attract nearly two lakh Punters. Think of the money the race course must be making.

There is a museum which cannot be described here in words, it should only be seen to believe in the creative genius of Japanese people. The name of a famous jockey and his photographs and the encomiums showered on him were displayed pictorially at the entrance to the museum and the lobby.

We were told there are 100 race days a year and each race day will have 12 races on an average from 10 am to 4.30 pm with 140 horses participating.

When we left the race course, the officers in-charge gave us mementos and their car to drop us at our hotel, a gesture we never expected. So far everything was nice about Japan and the Japanese, particularly known to bow at the drop of a hat, as they say, when they greet another with a smile.

However, we had a different experience at an Indian restaurant where we had been for our lunch. Ananthraj Urs, Kusumakar Shetty and myself mounted the bar stool and asked for Whisky — Johnnie Walker Black Label. Simultaneously, Kusumakar Shetty asked the barman with a thick, well-clipped beard where was he from as he was looking much like an Indian in an Indian restaurant. With a poker face he said, "From Japan." "But you don't look like a Japanese," said Kusumakar. It was then he blurted that his father was a Nepali and his mother a Japanese. Even as he was saying this, I saw him holding the liquor-measure under the counter and pouring the Whisky, then quickly pouring it to the glass atop the counter. I whispered to Kusumakar about the barman giving us short-measure. To my predicament, Kusumakar asked him right away why he didn't give the full-measure? He was apparently upset and said "I am not a cheat." Immediately, Ananthraj said that we did not use that word.

Anyway, there was an exchange of unpleasant conversation but the remaining two measures were correct. As we were sipping the drink, I told my friends, "Now you know why our country is backward after 71 years of independence, while Japan, even after the devastation of the World War II is among the most developed countries of the world."

[To be continued]

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The Rotary group in front of the Great Buddha statue at Kamakura, Japan.

Belagavi, Davanagere Corporators commend cleanliness concepts of MCC

Corporators of Belagavi and Davanagere City Corporations seen at the training programme at Hemavathi Auditorium in ATI premises on Lalitha Mahal Palace Road in Mysuru this morning.

Mysuru, Jan.8 (RK&US)- A team of 50 Corporators led by the Mayor and Deputy Mayor of Belagavi and Davanagere City Corporations, who arrived in city yesterday, visited Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) and exchanged views on cleanliness and local administration.

Mayor Pushpalatha Jagannath, Deputy Mayor Shafi Ahmed and MCC Commissioner K.H. Jagadeesha briefed the delegation.

Replying to a question by Belagavi Corporator Ramesh and others, MCC Commissioner Jagadeesha explained about the contributions of Mysore Maharajas for maintaining the cleanliness of city. He explained about the door-to-door collection of waste, Zero Waste Management Units, scientific disposal of medical waste and about Drinking Water Treatment Plants.

The MCC Commissioner briefed the team on the GPS-fitted waste collection vehicles, the functioning of the MCC Abhaya team and overall monitoring by the centralised control room.

He clarified that Mysuru being declared as a Heritage City was not selected for the Smart City project and explained about the local administration by dividing MCC into nine Zones to provide Trade Licence and revenue collection.

He added that all services were being readied for online transaction. The Commissioner also briefed on maintenance of parks, lakes and roads and gave credit to former MLC D. Madegowda, whose brain child was the Zero Waste Management Plant in Kumbarakoppal which is well-maintained by the members of Sthree Shakti Groups.

Belagavi Corporator Ramesh regretted that Belagavi City Corporation was lagging behind in Waste Management compared to Mysuru though a good amount of revenue was being spent on civic workers.

He lauded the MCC for the steps taken to maintain the city clean throughout the year.

Two-day training programme for Corporators

Meanwhile, a two-day training programme organised by the State Institute for Urban Development and Karnataka Urban Infrastructure Development and Finance Corporation (KUIDFC) for Corporators of City Corporations where 'Smart City Mission' Project is being implemented, began at Hemavathi Auditorium at the Administrative Training Institute (ATI), on Lalitha Mahal Road here yesterday.

B.K. Manjunath was the Training Director and B.R. Nagaraju was the Research Assistant at the training programme. The training was held in six sessions by the resource persons.

Bharat Bandh partial in Mysuru

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As part of the general strike, thousands of workers under the banner of AITUC, CITU and other Trade Unions and coming from all industrial areas of the city like Hootagalli, Metagalli, Belavadi, Hebbal, Vishweshwaranagar, Yadavagiri and Koorgalli, took out a bike rally from JK Tyres on KRS Road to the Town Hall, passing through Industrial areas, Ring Road, Hunsur Road, Vinoba Road, Ramaswamy Circle and Chamaraja Double Road.

Joining the strike, Post Office employees, under the banner of All India Postal Employees Union (AIPEU) and National Union of Postal Employees (NUPE), held a demonstration in front of the Head Post Office at Nehru Circle on Ashoka Road, urging fulfilment of their demands, which included regularisation of service, filling up of vacant posts, implementation of the recommendations of Kamalesh Report and scrapping of privatisation moves.

Union leaders C.R. Deenabandhu, Vanajaksha, Sundarayya, Basavaraj, Mahadevaswamy, Paramesh, H.G. Raju, Kendagannaiah and others took part in the protest rally.

In another protest, hundreds of industrial workers and Anganawadi workers, attached to various Trade Unions, staged a demonstration at Ramaswamy Circle for over an hour, following which they marched in a procession to the Town Hall, shouting slogans against the Centre for its alleged anti-labour policies.

Apart from seeking a minimum wage of Rs.18,000, the protestors demanded the Centre to abolish the contract system and privatisation of PSUs.

Trade Union leader H.R. Seshadri, Anganawadi Association office-bearers Mahadevamma, Puttamma and others led the protest.

Seshadri said that the industrial workers and Anganawadi workers will continue the strike tomorrow also.

Trade Union leaders are scheduled to address a massive gathering at Town Hall, where the Centre will be urged to stop pursuing anti-labour policies.

Police had made elaborate security arrangements all around the city to ensure that no untoward incidents take place and the strike passes off peacefully.

At Nanjangud

In Nanjangud, normal life was paralysed by the bandh with banks, schools, colleges and many industries remaining shut. However, petrol bunks, cinema halls, government offices were open.

Devotees, who arrived from various parts of the State to Sri Srikanteshwara Temple in the town, faced the heat of the strike as they were stranded with no buses and autos.

Over 2,000 labourers including Labour Union leaders of 20 Industrial Units of Nanjangud taluk led by AITUC and CITU took out a massive rally on the main streets of the town, shouting slogans against the Union Government. The protesters blocked Ooty-Mysuru Road near Hullahalli Circle throwing traffic out of gear for some time.

City students win

Infosys Science Foundation Nutrition Challenge Prize-2018

Mysuru, Jan.8- Two city students have won the top prize in the Infosys Science Foundation Nutrition Challenge-2018 conducted by the New York Academy of Sciences (NYAS).

With over 3,000 students from around the country expressing interest, this challenge was to use STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) to effectively combat malnutrition among expectant mothers and children under the age of five.

Prithve and Sandeep

Prithve Shekar and Sandeep Rao, Class 12 students of Excel Public School, Mysuru, part of the winning team, collaborated with 3 other students from Chennai and Bengaluru.

The solution designed by the team centres around the effective distribution of a nutrient pod that enhances the nutritional value of food. The Infosys prize enables them to visit Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) at Sriharikota to witness the launch of a rocket. They will also get a membership to the Junior Academy of the NYAS. In addition, each member of the winning team also received an education scholarship of Rs. 5 lakh.

Sandeep and Prithve are members of Junior Academy since 2016 and were chosen as Pepsico Nutrition Challenge Finalists in 2017, recognised for creating a novel non-invasive, affordable test to detect malnutrition. As Challenge 2030 finalists, they were awarded an all expense paid trip to New York to present their work at NYAS' Bicentennial celebrations in the presence of Nobel Laureates, Blavatnik scholars & leaders in business and science streams in May 2017.

Prithve Shekar represented India at CERN (the European Organisation for Nuclear Research) in Switzerland in July 2018 at a two-week summer programme. He was among other students who represented 30 different countries and got an opportunity to tour CERN's research labs, attend lectures by Nobel Laureates, and build particle detectors. He received an all expense paid trip to Geneva for this programme. Times Spark recognised him as one of India's best students in English and awarded a cash prize of Rs.1 lakh.

He was a finalist in the 2016 Pepsico Junior Academy Challenge and won an all expense paid trip to New York City to attend the first Global Stem Alliance Summit. He was one of a 3-member team spanning India, US and the UK that presented research at the event that focused on food waste reduction and also created a material comprised of titanium dioxide nanoparticles in a chitosan matrix that can be applied to any food.

Prithve has been accepted at Rice University, Houston, Texas with full scholarship for his undergraduate studies in the US on completion of his Class 12 Board examinations this year.

Prithve is the son of Gokulam residents Kiran and Roopa.

Sandeep Rao was invited to participate in the Launch X summer programme at MIT, Boston, USA on business and entrepreneurship with full scholarship in June 2018. He was instrumental in co-founding a Start-Up with three others called Koppen.

International Boost Innovation Challenge -2017, a global challenge by Swedish companies MYoroface and Fiber Optic Valley Sandeep helped revamp IQoro – a neuromuscular device to help alleviate symptoms of dysphagia. He created a digitised version of the product, rebranded and remarketed it. His solution was selected as the winner among several thousands of submissions across the world and awarded a cash prize of Euros 2500, as well as being featured in an interview in their website.

He is the first International Griptape grant recipient for 2017. Griptape, a US based company awarded him USD 500 to pursue his research project and found a company to help match doctors and patients on a convenient digital platform. Sandeep also got a perfect score on IEO, earning him World Rank 1 in International English Olympiad.

Sandeep is the son of Ashok and Deepika Rao of Kuvempunagar.

Felicitation marks anniversary of Laya Vidya Pratishtana

SITTING FROM LEFT: ***Vidu. Dr. Jyothi Shankar (Gamaka), Dr. H.K. Ramanath (Theatre) and Vidu. Dr. Sukanya Prabhakar (Vocal), who were felicitated during the inaugural of the two-day 12th anniversary celebrations of Laya Vidya Pratishtana held at Sarada Vilas Centenary Hall, Krishnamurthypuram, on Saturday, are seen with*** *(from right)* ***Pratishtana Founder Vid. H.L. Shivashankaraswamy, Industrialist and art patron Kala Seva Ratna K.V. Murthy, Vijaya Vittala PU College Principal H. Satyaprasad, Pratishtana President Mamatha Shivashankar and M.S. Prarthana. Picture right shows*** *(sitting from left)* ***Mike Chandru (Publicity), Chamarajanagar Vishwanath (Sugama Sangeetha), Vid. G. Parthasarathy (Tabla artiste), Vidu. T.S. Srilakshmi Kumar (Bharatanatyam) and R. Vasudev Bhat (Art Patron), who were felicitated during the valedictory of the anniversary celebrations on Sunday, with*** *(from right)* ***Mamatha Shivashankar, Vid. Shivashankaraswamy, District Co-operative Union President H.V. Rajeev, District in-Charge Minister G.T. Devegowda, Akashavani Mysuru Station Head Sunil Bhatiya and Srinivas & Satish of the Pratishtana.***

Mysuru, Jan.8 (MK&US)- The valedictory of the 12th anniversary celebrations of Laya Vidya Pratishtana at Sarada Vilas Centenary Hall in Krishnamurthypuram here on Sunday featured a music programme of old melodious Kannada movie songs.

The programme began with all the singers together rendering a devotional song. Singers M.S. Lakshmish, N. Srinath, N. Srikanth, M.R. Sriharsha, Nitin Rajaram Shastri, Vishwanath and M.S. Keerthana rendered popular songs like *'Yellellu Sangeetave'*, *'Megha bantu megha'*, *'Sharade daye thoride'* and many more melodious numbers.

Speaking on the occasion, District Co-operative Union President H.V. Rajeev opined that Mysuru was truly a cultural capital with good encouragement for art and culture. He said that the Government and the people should identify good cultural organisations and support them.

Mike Chandru (Publicity), Chamarajanagar Vishwanath (Sugama Sangeetha), Vid. G. Parthasarathy (Tabla artiste), Vidu. T.S. Srilakshmi Kumar (Bharatanatyam) and R. Vasudev Bhat (Art Patron) were felicitated on the occasion.

District Minister G.T. Devegowda (GTD) presided.

Akashavani Mysuru Station Head Sunil Bhatiya and others were present.

Singing prowess of GTD: GTD proved his prowess in singing by rendering *'Adisi nodu beelisi nodu'* from the film *'Kasturi Nivasa'* and *'Namo bhootanatha namo deva deva'* from *'Satya Harischendra'* surprising the audience who applauded his ability to sing so well.

Shower of Light Music by Poorvaj Vishwanath

Poorvaj Vishwanath, son of Hunsur MLA and JD(S) State President A.H. Vishwanath, is seen presenting a Light Music Concert during the Hanuma Jayanti celebrations hosted recently by the Religious Endowment Department of Karnataka Government at Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple. He is accompanied by A.S. Prasanna Kumar on keyboard, Neethu Ninaad of 'SaReGaMaPa' fame on flute, Nagaraj on tabla and Anantha Krishna on rhythm pad. Picture right shows a section of the audience. Poorvaj presented various devotional songs, including 'Poreyo Ganesha', 'Shrunga Puradhiswari Sharade', 'Dheerane Shoorane Maruti', 'Venkatachala Nilayam Vaikunta Puravasam' and other songs. He sang for more than three hours which left the audience spellbound.

Amma: A unique performance by Dr. Vasundhara

Vasundhara Performing Arts Centre (VPAC), the name itself brings delight to the connoisseurs. The sutradhaarini behind this is **Vidu. Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy**, an internationally acclaimed Bharatanatyam artiste. Her style of classical dance is now famous as Vasundhara Baani.

She is not only an ideal Guru, but also 'Amma' as for as her students are concerned. She takes care of their mental as well as their physical needs. She has always realised the need for platforms for showcasing the talents of the artistes and hence creates such opportunities by regularly arranging programmes.

Parangatothsava is one such programme arranged annually by VPAC. During this year's festival, Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy presented 'Amma,' a nritya rupaka, a one woman show.

She is very well-known for her one woman show like 'Paanchaali,' etc. She is a very matured artiste who is true to her art. Every concert is a fresh one for her and hence her performance is fresh and new.

The one woman show 'Amma' is based on 'Krishnana Koneya Dinagalu,' written by Prof. K.S. Narayanacharya. Here, Krishna was breathing his last after he was wounded by the poisonous arrow shot by a nishada. Notwithstanding the agony and pain, he moans Ammaa. Immediately his biological mother and foster mother Devaki and Yashoda come one after the other. Then comes his third mother.

The audience are in for a shock because it is none other than Putana who in fact had tried to kill Krishna feeding him her poisonous milk. She outpours her suffering and misery and her final decision to die in the hands of Krishna rather than suffer from Kamsa. Krishna understands her predicament and accepts her as his mother.

Dr. Vasundhara has done full justice to all the three characters through her body language and abhinaya. She was able to bring out the state of mind and individual identity of each mother very sensitively, subtly and successfully.

Slight variations in the costume heightened the impact. The expression of Vibhavas, Anubhavas and Sanchari bhavas of Vatsalya rasa were graceful.

The concluding pieces Jaavali and Tillaana were remarkable for their abhinaya and lightening and perfectly accurate footwork in fact showed her control over nritta, which is very difficult with growing years.

Her performance kept the audience spellbound for 120 minutes. With her ease and elan, she was really amazing at 70. After the programme, the chief guest, Ashish Mohan Khokar remarked that so far he has seen several performances throughout India, but none has paralleled Vasundhara's.

Dr. Jyothi Shankar's script was apt and her narration was good. **Sandesh Bhargava,** the senior disciple of Dr. Vasundhara supported in natuvanga while **P. Rama** lent the vocal support and **Kalmandalam Srirangam, Narayan, Rakesh Sudheer** and **Skanda** supported on the mridanga, violin, flute and rhydam pad respectively. It was a wonderful team work.

—D. Sheela Kumari

KSCA Mysuru Zonal League

Facile ten-wicket win for Jo Jo CC

Mysuru, Jan.8- Inspiring bowling performance by Anand Doddamani (two for 47 & 6 for 28), helped Jo Jo CC to register a ten-wicket win over FUCC in the two-day KSCA Mysuru Zone First Division League tie played at the SDNR Wadiyar Grounds here recently.

SCORES

FUCC: 152 in 48.3 overs (Rakesh 45, Ramesh 29, M.P. Sashidhar 28, G. Shanthraj 3 for 28, Anand Doddamani 2 for 47, G.L. Yashas 2 for 38) & 155 in 60.5 overs (Aqib Khan 57, Rakesh 39, Anand 6 for 28, G. Shanthraj 2 for 26, B. Tanu 2 for 18) lost to **Jo Jo CC:** 228 in 54.4 overs (Harshavardhan 69, D.K. Niranjan 46 n.o., M. Utham Aiyappa 35, Bharath 3 for 46, Ramesh 3 for 40, Manjunath 2 for 38). & 80 for no loss in 10.5 overs (Arjun Hoysala 53 n.o., Yashwaswin 23 n.o.); **Jo Jo CC:** 5 points and **FUCC:** Minus 1.

The Mysore Gymkhana: 353 for five decl. in 82 overs (S. Raviraj 134, M.S. Swaroop 55, V.S. Yashwanth 44 n.o., A.R. Krishnan 39, Nabyandhu Ghosh 37, Sanketh Shetty 2 for 110) drew with **Karavali Cricketers:** 166 in 70.4 overs (B.M. Poovaiah 40, M.R. Jayanth 26, S. Gowtham 5 for 46, G.S. Kushal 2 for 16, A.R. Krishnan 2 for 47) & 152 for 9 in 40.3 overs (J. Shashank 53 n.o., M.K. Sanjay 40 n.o., S. Gowtham 3 for 43); **The Mysore Gymkhana:** 3 points and **Karavali Cricketers:** 1 point.

MUCSC: 178 in 51.1 overs (L. Hemanth Kumar 35, Harsha Kumar Naidu 29, K. Arun 22, Sathish 21, G.S. Yodhan Hrudhay 2 for 37, Chethan 2 for 20) & 300 in 55.4 overs (Nitish Kumar 50, Harsha Kumar Naidu 41, Sathish 23, Harsha Viman 32) drew with **RBNCC 295:** in 83 overs (P.V. Preetham 51, Suraj Seshadri 57, K. Shashank 48, Amey 34, B. Dheemanth 29, Munish Changappa 26, Harsha Kumar Naidu 3 for 31, K. Arun 2 for 70); **RBNCC:** 3 points and **MUCSC:** 1 point.

MTC AITA Talent Series Tennis

Seeds have it easy

Mysuru, Jan.8- Second seeded Bhuvan Prakash, fourth seeded Mustafa Murtuza Raja and fifth seeded Ashwin Shivshankar (all from Karnataka) scored comfortable wins over their respective rivals and entered the second round in boys Under-14 Singles event on the inaugural day of the MTC AITA Talent series (U-14 & U-16) boys & girls Tennis Tournament conducted by Mysore Tennis Club at their courts here yesterday.

RESULTS

First Round: U-14: Selvaraj Carwin (TN) bt Rangesh Sai (TN) 6-0, 6-1; Lohith Kanthraj (Kar) bt Dev Agarwal (TN) 7-5, 6-0; Ashwin Shivshankar (Kar) bt Chiragh M. Urs (Kar) 6-1, 6-0; Mustafa Murtuza Raja (Kar) bt S. Suhan (Kar) 6-0, 6-0; Yashas M. Urs (Kar) bt H.S. Kishan (Kar) 6-4, 6-0; K. Nitish (Kar) bt C.S. Nischay (Kar) 6-0, 6-0; Rurikh Rajini (Kar) bt Samarth K. Ranga (Kar) 6-0, 6-0; Aaron Ronaldino (TN) bt Anoop (Kar) 6-0, 6-0; Suhas Soma (TN) bt Nihal Ravi (Kar) 6-0, 6-4; Allen Chris Goel (TN) bt C. Shobith (Kar) 6-0, 6-1; Bhuvan Prakash (Kar) bt S. Prakul (Kar) 6-1, 6-0.

U-16: Zahir Salar (Kar) bt H.S. Kishan (Kar) 7-5, 6-4; Abel Chris Joshna (TN) bt Preetham Ganesh (Kar) 6-4, 6-4; Kevin Thimmaiah (Kar) bt K. Lohith (Kar) 6-4, 6-2; Varun Bharadwaj (Kar) bt Keerthan (Kar) 6-2, 7-5; Yasha M. Urs (Kar) bt Aaron Ronaldino (TN) 6-2, 7-5; Ram Dhanush Arya (Kar) bt Heeman Toli Prasad (Kar) 2-6, 6-3, 6-4.

Girls: U-14: B. Disha bt Theertha 6-4, 6-1; Ira Prinut Shah (TN) bt Aishwarya (Kar) 7-6(4), 6-1; Veditha Sandesh (Kar) bt Bhumika Sathish (Kar) 6-3, 2-6, 6-2.

Mysore Varsity team for All-India Ball-badminton Championship

The women's ball-badminton team of University of Mysore (UoM) which will be taking part in the All-India Inter-University Ball-badminton Championship 2018-19 to be held at Krishna University, Machilipatnam, Vijayawada (Andhra Pradesh) from Jan.9 to 13. Seen are *(standing from left)* ***A.M. Nisarga, M.R. Radhika, T. Nisha, G.G. Bhumika, P. Ashwini, B.S. Suma, Namitha Yadav, M. Vidya and M.V. Aishwarya;*** *(sitting from left)* ***Jayaram (coach), Dr. P. Krishnaiah, in-Charge Director, Department of Physical Education (DPE), UoM, Lakshmish (Manager) and Chandana (Captain).***

Three-day District-level Kho-Kho

Entries invited

Mysuru, Jan. 8- The Mysuru District Amateur Kho-Kho Association will be conducting a three-day District-level Kho-Kho tournament for boys from PU Colleges and for both Boys and Girls from High Schools, from Jan. 18 to 20 in city.

The interested Kho-Kho teams can register at the Association Office at No. 557, New Kantharaj Urs Road, Kuvempunagar, before Jan.16. For details, call Mob: 98453-86638 or 94827-07621.

MYSORE WINTER RACES 2019

(By Our Racing Correspondent)

Amaris expected to win

Mysuru, Jan. 8- The following are the selections for the 8th Day Mysore Winter Races to be held here tomorrow (9th January 2019):

1. 2.30 PM THE KOVALAM PLATE - DIV. II
1400 mts. (rated 00 to 25)
1. Italian Stallion 2. Kick Back

2. 3.00 PM THE VARUNA PLATE
1800 mts. (rated 20 to 45)
1. Storming Home 2. Vijaya Dhruva

3. 3.30 PM THE KOVALAM PLATE - DIV. I
1400 mts. (rated 00 to 25)
1. Honey Queen 2. Everlasting Memory

4. 4.00 PM THE MEENA AND S. RAJASHEKAR MEMORIAL CUP - 1400 mts. (rated 60 and above)
1. Amaris 2. Rosevelt

5. 4.30 PM THE KUTTA PLATE
1200 mts. (rated 40 to 65)
1. Unbelievable 2. Dancing Blue

6. 5.00 PM THE SPLASH PLATE
1200 mts. (rated 20 to 45)
1. Reckless 2. Blue Bird The Word

DAY'S BEST: *UNBELIEVABLE*
DOUBLE: *1. ITALIAN STALLION 2. STORMING HOME*
JACKPOT: *2,3,4,5,6*
I TREBLE: *4,5,6* ***EXACTAS:*** *5,6*

—Tipster PGC

AFC ASIAN CUP UAE 2019™

TODAY'S MATCHES (IST)

Iraq Vs Vietnam	7.00 pm
Saudi Arabia Vs North Korea	9.30 pm

TOMORROW'S MATCHES (IST)

Japan Vs Turkmenistan	4.30 pm
Uzbekistan Vs Oman	7.00 pm
Qatar Vs Lebanon	9.30 pm

YESTERDAYS' RESULTS

China	2	beat	Kyrgyztan	1
S.Korea	1	beat	Philippines	0
Iran	5	beat	Yemen	0

Election to MRC Membership

Mysuru, Jan.8- The elections for the Membership of The Mysore Race Club (MRC) Ltd. will be held at the MRC premises on Mar.18 from 10 am to 5.30 pm.

Applications will be issued on Jan.14; Last date for filing applications is Jan.31 up to 5.30 pm; Last date for withdrawal of applications is Feb.5.

The number of vacancies for the Club Membership to be filled as on Dec.31, 2018, is six.

MDFA 'B' Division Football League

Narrow win for Ganesha FC

Mysuru, Jan.8- Ganesha FC, helped by a match-winning goal by right-out Bhamma Chando (48th), scored a narrow 1-0 win over KSRTC FC in the MDFA 'B' Division Football League for the Govindaraju Memorial Trophy played at the University Grounds here yesterday.

SCORES — Ganesha FC: 1 (Bhammachando 48) bt **KSRTC FC:** 0.

S.R. Nandeesh is in-charge ZP President

Mysuru, Jan.8 (RK&DM)- Following the acceptance of resignation of ZP President Nayeema Sulthana, ZP Member from K.R. Nagar taluk S.R. Nandeesh took over as the in-charge ZP President at the ZP office here yesterday. Nandeesh is the brother of Tourism Minister S.R. Mahesh.

Nandeesh was considered for the post as he heads Social Justice Standing Committee in the ZP and he will continue to function as the Acting ZP President, until a new one is elected.

Currently, the Mysuru ZP is governed by JD(S)-BJP coalition.

It may be mentioned here that ZP President Nayeema Sulthana of JD(S) had tendered her resignation on Dec.22, 2018, while Vice-President G. Nataraj had resigned much earlier.

Nandeesh assumed charge from ZP Chief Planning Officer Prabhuswamy.

MLA Nagendra launches slew of works

Mysuru, Jan.8 (SBD&DM)- Chamaraja MLA L. Nagendra launched a slew of developmental works in the constituency on Monday.

The works launched included construction of the first floor of Community Hall located behind D. Devaraj Urs Road taken up at a cost of Rs.20 lakh, construction of a culvert connecting Ashraya Layout with Kumbarakoppal taken up at a cost of about Rs.22 lakh and water pipeline works from V.V. Mohalla Service Centre to Jayalakshmipuram Over Head Tank, taken up at an estimated cost of Rs.29 lakh, among others.

Former City Corporator Syed Akram passes away

Mysuru, Jan.8- Syed Akram (52), former Corporator and a resident of Bada Makhan, passed away this noon at a hospital in Bengaluru following brief illness.

He leaves behind his wife, two sons, two daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

His body will be brought to city tonight and his family members will decide on conduct of his last rites, according to sources.

Obituary

Vishalakshi

Mysuru, Jan.8- Vishalakshi (93), wife of late Dr. M.N. Channabasappa, retd. Joint Director of Medical Education, passed away in the US on Jan.3.

She leaves behind four daughters, two sons and a host of relatives and friends. Funeral was held at Los Angeles, California, on Jan.7.

BJP stages protest, demands resignation of Minister Puttarangashetty

Mysuru, Jan.8 (MTY&DM)- Accusing Backward Classes Welfare Minister C. Puttarangashetty of indulging in corruption, after a staff of his office was caught red-handed by the Police while carrying Rs.25.76 lakh near Vidhana Soudha West Gate recently, over a hundred BJP workers led by MLA L. Nagendra staged a demonstration at Gandhi Square this morning seeking immediate resignation of the Minister.

Alleging that Puttarangashetty indulged in corruption, the protesters urged the Chief Minister to sack the Minister from the cabinet of he does not quit on his own.

Lashing out at the State Government for hiking State cess on fuel prices, the BJP workers charged the State Government of unnecessarily burdening the common man by hiking cess at a time when fuel prices are coming down.

They urged the State Government to withdraw the hiked cess on fuel prices.

Former MLC Thontadarya, party leader Jayaprakash (JP) and several Corporators took part.

In another protest over the same issues, BJP workers of N.R. Assembly constituency staged a demonstration at FTS Circle on Mysuru-Bengaluru road.

City BJP President Dr. B.H. Manjunath, former KEA Chairman B.P. Manjunath, leaders Sandesh Swamy, Anand, S. Murali, Giridhar and others were present.

In yet another protest, BJP workers of K.R. Assembly segment staged a demonstration at Agrahara Circle.

MLA S.A. Ramdas, corporators B.V. Manjunath, Sunanda Palanetra and Geetha Yoganand, leaders Vidya Urs, Ramesh and others took part.

MDJA diary and calendar release tomorrow

Mysuru, Jan.8- Mysuru District Journalists Association (MDJA) has organised a programme at its premises on Tyagaraja Road in city tomorrow (Jan.9) at 10.30 am to release its diary and calendar.

Sri Shivanandapuri Swamiji of Kaginele Shakha Mutt - Siddarthanagar will grace the occasion. Industrialist Tarun Giri will release the diary. BJP Mysuru City Unit Gen. Secretary H.V. Rajeev will release calendar. MDJA President C.K. Mahendra will preside.

Eyes on polls: Modi Govt. announces 10 percent quota for economically backward in general category

New Delhi, Jan.8- In a landmark move ahead of the Lok Sabha elections, the Union Cabinet has approved a 10 percent reservation in jobs and higher education for "economically backward" sections in the general category.

A Constitutional Amendment Bill was tabled in Parliament today, the last day of the Winter Session. The proposed reservation will be over and above the existing 50 percent reservation enjoyed by the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and the Other Backward Classes, taking the total reservation to 60 percent.

The reservation will be over and above the existing 50 percent reservation and the Government will amend Articles 15 and 16 — which are on discrimination and equal opportunity — of the Constitution to implement it.

The Bill once passed will amend the Constitution accordingly to give reservation to the poor among the general castes

and classes. The Bill will provide a shelter for upper castes under the rubric of fundamental rights.

The Court's rule of the maximum 50 percent quota cannot fetter Parliament's right to amend the Constitution. The Constitutional Amendment Bill would be required as the Constitution does not provide for reservation on the ground of economic conditions. Sources in the Government as saying the proposed amendment would help clear the 50 percent cap on quotas set by the Supreme Court in the famous Indra Sawhney judgement.

Those in the general category whose family income is below Rs.8 lakh per annum and own less than 5 acres of land would be eligible. Further, the person's residential house should be below 1,000 sq. ft., and the residential plot should be below 100 yards in a notified Municipality area and below 200 yards in a non-notified Municipality area.

Among the major castes to benefit from the proposed law are Brahmins, Rajputs (Thakurs), Jats, Marathas, Bhumihars, several trading castes, Kapus and Kammas among other upper castes. It would also benefit the poor in other religions.

The move is being seen as a step to consolidate upper caste votes just ahead of the general elections. Most Opposition parties called it an election gimmick but are not likely to oppose it.

Congress Spokesperson Abhishek Manu Singhvi tweeted that the Govt. announced the decision only three months before the model code of conduct will be put in place for the general elections.

City crime rate sees a dip of 7 percent in 2018

Police recover Rs.4.10 crore worth valuables, properties; Rs.8.26 crore penalty collected from traffic rules violators; 265 raids conducted against illegal activities

Mysuru, Jan.8 (KS)- Mysuru city has seen a decline of 7% in crime last year (2018) compared to 2017. Thanks to various initiatives implemented by City Police last year resulting in the decline of crime related activities.

In 2018, the Mysuru City Police had implemented New Beat System, Night Beat System, deployment of vehicles such as Garuda, Cobra, Cheetah, Interceptors and Women Helpline vehicles for 24 hours beat, conducting Operation Sunset, Operation Shubhodaya, opening of Modus Operandi Bureau (MOB) Cards (MOB card contains records of arrested and convicted accused. The records are classified on the basis of modus operandi of criminals), keeping vigil on activities of those in MOB resulting in solving 339 robbery cases and recovery of valuables and properties worth Rs.4.10 crore.

Keeping a hawk eye on rowdy elements, the Anti-Rowdy Squad conducted Rowdy Parades, registered cases on them besides putting brakes on all illegal activities resulting in the control of rowdy activities in city.

The Police have registered a total of 769 cases against anti-social elements in 2018. The Police have also conducted a total of 265 raids on various illegal activities besides registering cases. A total of 9,284 cases under Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act (COTPA) besides collecting Rs.9,55,650 penalty.

The Mysuru City Traffic Police, which conducted various operations and drives against traffic rules offenders, have collected a total of Rs.8.26 crore penalty from the violators.

SPECIAL INITIATIVES INTRODUCED IN 2018

Distribution of visiting cards: The Mysuru City Beat Police distributed visiting cards to the residents coming under various Beat Police jurisdictions in city. The visiting cards contain the name of the Beat Police, designation, mobile number, photograph of the Beat Police, Beat number and other details printed in Kannada and English to help the residents inform the concerned Beat Police about the problem being faced by them.

Rowdy Parades: The Police are conducting rowdy parades once in three months to prevent crimes and maintain law and order in city.

Crime Prevention Month: In a bid to prevent crimes, Crime Prevention Month was held in December 2018 during which awareness was created among the public through various events.

Operation Eagle: The Police conducted surprise raids on houses of rowdy-sheeters and checked their activities to know whether they are indulging in illegal activities.

Operation Hawk: To tighten grip on rowdy-sheeters and those anti-social elements who take shelter at city lodges, surprise inspections were conducted at hotels and lodges across the city.

Operation Hound: To take action against those indulging in consuming liquor on roads, parks, grounds and creating nuisance.

Operation Chamundi: To control illegal activities, wheelie by two-wheeler riders and crime related activities at Chamundi Hill.

Operation Decoy: A drive against erring auto drivers demanding excess fare from passengers, catching chain-snatchers and extortionists by posing as civilians.

Operation Owl: A drive to prevent crimes during night by conducting night beat and questioning those moving around after midnight and clicking photos of those found moving around in suspicious manner.

Commando Team (Panthers): A Commando team formed to prevent any untoward incidents in city.

Mobile Command Control Vehicle: The state-of-the-art Mobile Command Centre for surveillance especially during bigger events like Dasara and VVIP visits. Equivalent to a thousand eyes within a large area, the hi-tech vehicle, which has all the features of a Police Control Room, will be on the move to capture all the action live at all the places where it is stationed.

Operation Deport: Tracing of foreigners who are staying illegally in city and taking action by deporting them and conducting programmes for owners and organisations where foreign students are studying and staying, to keep them informed about their responsibilities.

Traffice Advisory Committee: In order to improve traffic management in city, Traffic Adalat was held to hear grievances and take suggestions from public.

Operation Cheetah: A drive to implement Traffic rules.

Operation Friendly Enforcement: A drive to encourage motorists to follow traffic rules compulsorily by speaking in a friendly manner to traffic rules offenders and giving them Traffic Advisory Slips without imposing fine.

Operation Swan: To make Traffic Police more people-friendly by conducting workshops on Yoga, walkathon to Chamundi Hill and organising lectures to increase their professionalism for effective control of traffic.

Awareness through Little Hearts: Bringing school children to the renovated Traffic Children's Park opposite Police Commissioner's office and creating awareness on traffic rules.

MYTRA: An initiative to make Traffic Police People-friendly.

National Road Safety Week: A special prog. conducted in the month of January for the public to create awareness on traffic rules.

Welfare programmes for Police Officers and staff

The Police Department, in a bid to encourage education among the children of Police personnel, distributed cash prizes to the students who obtained high marks in SSLC and PUC exams and laptop to those who scored maximum marks.

Functioning of Sports Complex at the foot of Chamundi Hill to encourage sporting activities among Cops, construction of a guest house, renovation of Police Canteen, starting medical store, grocery store, HOPCOMS, Chats Centre, ATM, drinking water units at the Police Canteen where the goods are sold at discount rates and construction of an Amphitheatre, where movies will be screened for the family members of Police personnel during weekends.

ROAD ACCIDENTS IN 2018

Total Accident Cases-831. Fatal- 147, Non-Fatal-684, Deaths-158 and Injured- 879.

Reasons of deaths

Total-158. Without Helmet-55, Drunk-and-Drive- 4, Self Accidents - 19, Rash and Negligent/Overspeeding - 67 and Others - 13.

City Police Commissioner Dr. A. Subramanyeswara Rao has stated that all the above operations and drives would continue this year (2019) too along with other unique projects to maintain law and order and to control crime related activities in city, according to a press release from the PRO, City Police Commissioner's Office, Mysuru.

Awareness programme on groundwater on Jan.10, 14

Mysuru, Jan.8- A one-day public awareness programme on Groundwater has been organised at Government High School in Doddakavalande village of Nanjangud taluk here.

The event is jointly organised by the Director, Groundwater Directorate, Bengaluru and Senior Geologist, District Groundwater Office, Mysuru. Zilla Panchayat (ZP) CEO K. Jyothi will inaugurate the programme and release a handbook on the occasion. ZP Member Leelavathi Siddaveerappa and Doddakavalande Taluk Panchayat (TP) Member Mahendra will distribute prizes. Doddakavalande GP President Shivamma Siddaraju and Vice-President Javed Ahmmed will distribute certificates.

Prog. at Hitnehebbagilu postponed

A similar awareness programme, which was scheduled to be held at Government High School of Hitnehebbagilu village in Periyapanta taluk today (Jan.8), has been postponed to Jan.14 for unavoidable reasons, according to a press release.

ZP CEO K. Jyothi will inaugurate the prog. and release a handbook on the occasion.

Ravandur ZP Member Mani D.T. Swamy will distribute prizes. Hitnehebbagilu GP President Rajashekhar, Vice-President Manjula Vijaykumar, School Development and Monitoring Committee President H.C. Umesh will distribute certificates.

DDPI S. Mamatha, Periyapatna BEO Chikkaswamy, Block Co-ordinator Hemanthraju, Akshara Dasoha Assistant Director Vijay and Hitnehebbagilu Government High School Head Master K.R. Rajesh will be the chief guests.

Obituary

M.S. Vishwanathan

Mysuru, Jan.8- M.S. Vishwanathan (90), retired Office Superintendent of Sarada Vilas College and a resident of Vidyaranyapuram, passed away yesterday in city.

He leaves behind his daughter, son-in-law, grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed this morning at the foot of Chamundi Hill.

K. Sreenivasamurthy

K. Sreenivasamurthy, a resident of Chamundipuram, passed away on Sunday night in city. He leaves behind his wife, a son, two daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

S. Jagannath

S. Jagannath (74), son of late T.G. Srinivas Iyengar and Jayamma, passed away in Bengaluru yesterday. He was earlier residing at Lakshmipuram in Mysuru.

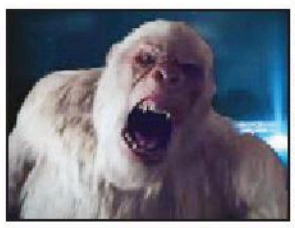
He leaves behind two sons, a brother, three sisters and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed in Bengaluru this morning.

WORD OF THE DAY

Abominable

Pronunciation: Uh-BAH-muh-nuh-bul.



Meaning: Exceptionally bad or unpleasant.
Origin: The tendency to hate evil omens is a vital part of the history of abominable. The word descends from the Latin verb abominari, which means "to deprecate as an ill omen" or "to detest;" abominari itself comes from ab- plus omin- ("from an omen"). When English speakers adopted abominable in the 14th century, they used it to express their disgust over evil or truly detestable things—and for 500 years that's the way things stood. In the 17th century, the word's meaning moderated, so that Scottish novelist William Black could write in *A Princess of Thule* (1873), "Sheila had nothing to do with the introduction of this abominable decoration." Other descendants of abominari are abominate and abomination.
Example: Trisa is abominable to him at every turn, refuses to pay him and eventually pushes him off the ship.

THE ODD WORD

Kickshaw

Cheap showy jewellery or ornament on clothing.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Knick-knack

Meaning: A small, inexpensive, mass-produced article.

Origin: Knick doesn't mean anything in itself in this term; it is merely a reduplication of knack. We now use knack as meaning 'a dexterous facility', but in the 16th century it was used to mean 'an ingenious contrivance; a toy or trinket', and that's the sense that was used in knick-knack. "Needles, thread, thimble, shears, and all such knacks." When knick-knack was first used it meant 'a petty trick or subtefuge'. John Fletcher, used it that was in his work *The loyall subject,* 1618. "If you use these knick-knacks, This fast and loose." By 1682, that meaning had died out though and a translation of Nicolas Boileau-Despréaux's Le Lutrin was using the term with the meaning we currently have for it.
Example: Miss won't come in to buy, before she cleans the knick-knacks at the door.

QUOTE BOX

The most common way people give up their power is by thinking they don't have any. **— Alice Walker**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve this rebus:

Answer: Cruel intentions.

SUDOKU

5	2				8	9		
					9		1	4
	7		1					
		2					7	
8				5				6
	6					2		
					1		4	
2	1		6					
		4	7				6	1

Answer to previous puzzle

3	9	8	2	7	6	5	1	4
6	7	2	5	1	4	3	9	8
4	5	1	3	8	9	7	6	2
5	8	4	7	2	1	6	3	9
2	1	3	6	9	8	4	5	7
9	6	7	4	3	5	2	8	1
8	4	5	9	6	7	1	2	3
1	3	6	8	4	2	9	7	5
7	2	9	1	5	3	8	4	6

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Mumbai's terminus
4 Goddess of plenty
7 Saif and Rani's ___ Tum
10 Wire service inits.
11 Ex-Chilean tennis star Marcelo ___
13 Wax in combined form - "Core" anagram?
14 Enigmatic aura
16 One never wants to commit one (1,3)
17 Harassed or pursued
19 Appeared or emerged, in a way? (6,2)
21 Airspeed Indicator
24 Swindle or make a fool of
25 ___with love : excessively in love with?
27 Tatum ____ : famous Hollywood star?
29 ___ up : occurs unexpectedly or by chance?
30 Coiling, curling or curving
33 Discharge, radiate or exude
34 No Computed Data
35 Great Sanskrit poet of Meghadoot and Raghuvamsa
38 Withdrew or left active service, etc.
39 South African wicket-keeper Boucher
42 Common man's drink - that's plain water! (5,3)
46 Lhasa ____ : a type of pet furry dog?
47 "Noel" anagram for a style of weaving?
48 Israel's __ Aviv
49 A baby's bed
50 One's kin or kindred
51 Affectedly modest or bashful

DOWN
1 Preposition meaning "with" or "together with"?
2 Engage in espionage
3 "It is" a verbal contraction
4 The archer in the sky?
5 Chagrin
6 ___ good : appears to be fine, in a way ?
7 He is, contracted?
8 Uranium Resch. Inst.
9 ___ ami : my friend, but in French?
12 Fleshy leaved plant - "mudes" anagram?
13 Comp. Aided Design
15 Length of cotton
18 Heroic story
19 Part of a policeman's uniform
20 Turn upside down
21 Their fission will give us nuclear energy
22 "As pie" anagram for brown colour
23 Short for 'this month'
24 ___ the drain : lost or wasted?
26 ____ on air : feels elated?
28 Similar to, matching
31 Of birth
32 Moves smoothly
36 Indian cricket's ___ Trophy
37 Get a discharge from the army?
38 Howard Hughes studio
39 Master of Accountancy, acronym?
40 Acting Pilot Off.
41 Q-U connectors
43 Air traffic control
44 Low Earth Orbit
45 East Anglian city - "ley" anagram

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER:

P	O	E			P	C	B		E	A	R	L
F	B	N			U	R	E		X	M	A	S
D	E	C	L	A	R	E	D		T	A	N	S
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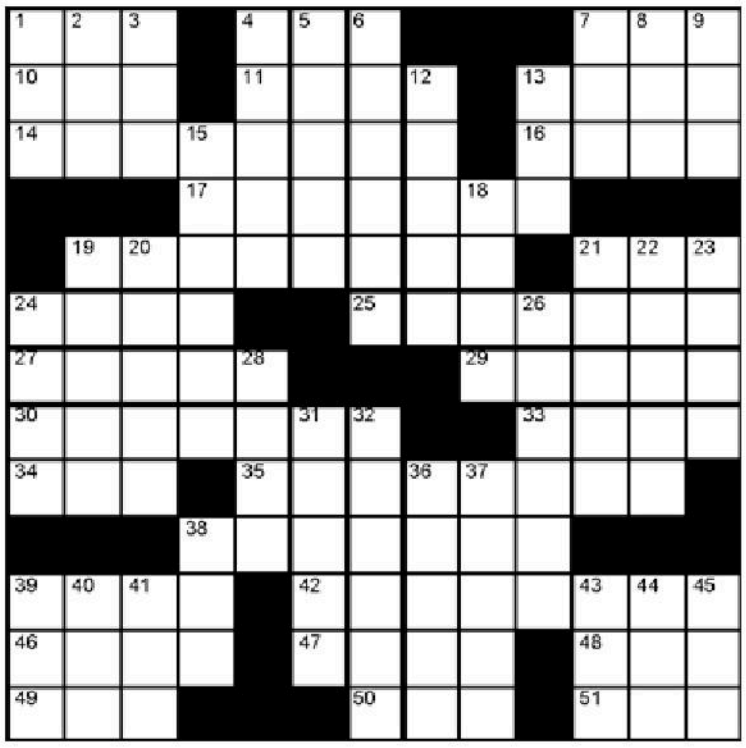

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

N IAAJ IEKKADT PZWA XAEK QPYM PZ N CMKX UKAYAEZG DNX

IMFNETM WOM MSUMKPMZFM AY KMNGPZB PT ZAW UNTTPCM

TODAY'S CLUE: N EQUALS A

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: You will never truly know yourself or the strength of your relationships until both have been tested by adversity.

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	Sterling	2481170	4 Shows
Fortuner	Lakshmi	2443584	4 Shows
	Woodlands	2422871	4 Shows
Best Friends	Prabha	2423569	4 Shows
	Skyline	2481170	4 Shows
	Thibbadevi	2452958	4 Shows
ENGLISH			
Bumble Bee	Sri Nagaraj	2520490	4 Shows
HINDI			
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Simmba (H)	(S-1)	10.40 am
	(S-3)	6.50 pm, 9.55 pm
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Bumble Bee (E)	(S-1)	4.45 pm, 7.20 pm, 9.55
	(S-3)	1.45 pm
Best Friends (K)	(S-2)	10.30 am
Mary Poppins Returns (E)	(S-2)	1.20 pm, 4.10 pm
KGF (K)	(S-2)	6.55 pm
	(S-4)	10.00 am, 1 pm, 4 pm 7.00 pm, 9.55 pm
Pretham -2 (Ma)	(S-2)	9.55 pm
Ananthu V/s Nusrath (K)	(S-3)	10.40 am
Aduva Gombe (K)	(S-3)	4.05 pm

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	(S-4)	12.30 pm, 9.30 pm
	(S-2)	3.40 pm
Simmba (H)	(S-1)	10.00 am
	(S-4)	6.35 pm
	(S-2)	9.40 pm
Bumble Bee (E)	(S-4)	10.00 am, 9.50 pm
	(S-2)	1.10 pm
	(S-1)	4.15 pm
Aduva Gombe (K)	(S-4)	3.40 pm
Pretham -2 (Ma)	(S-2)	6.50 pm
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Mary Poppins Returns (E)	(S-3)	1.15 pm, 6.45 pm

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Pretham -2 (Ma)	7.00 PM

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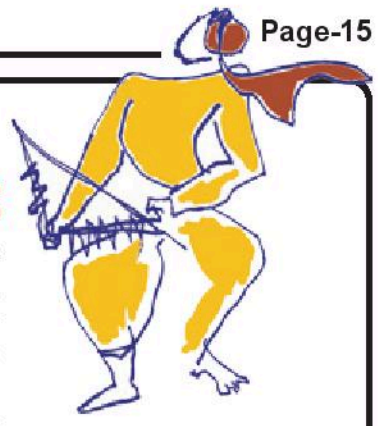
Advance ticket booking for Bahuroopi Theatre Fest



Mysuru, Jan.8- The city's theatre repertory Rangayana will be hosting a week-long 'Bahuroopi' National theatre festival at its premises in Kalamandira here from Jan.12 to 18.

The fest will feature a total of 25 plays, including 6 Kannada plays and 12 plays of different languages. The plays will be performed at the Mini Theatre (Kiru Rangamandira) at 6 pm, Bhoomigeeta at 6.30 pm, Vanaranga at 7 pm and at Kalamandira at 8 pm.

The advance booking of tickets will be open from Jan.9. The booking can be made at Rangayana Office between 10.30 am and 5.30 pm.

The ticket is priced at Rs. 80 for every play. For details call Ph: 0821-2512639 or 2415905.

Instrumental Music Concert at *Kotarotsava*

Vid. H.L. Shivashankarswamy (mirdanga), Vid. Narayan (dolu), Vid. C.N. Tyagarajan (violin), Vid. Nagaraju (tabla) and Vid. Anantha Krishna Sharma (rhythm pad), presenting a Instrumental Music Concert at Chamundi Hill Temple last evening as part of the ongoing 'Kotarotsava Vaibhava - Sangeethotsava.'

EVENTS TODAY (JAN.8)

Sahara Art and Crafts: Shopping Festival, Exhibition-cum-Sale, Scouts and Guides Grounds, behind DC's office, **up to 9.30 pm.**

The Department of Kannada and Culture: Samskrutika Sourabha, folk scholar P.K. Rajashekar inaugurates, MLA Tanveer Sait presides, Mayor Pushpalatha Jagannath, MP Pratap Simha and others guests, Layalahari by Vid. H.L. Shivashankaraswamy and troupe of Laya Vidya Pratishtana, Hindustani Gazal by Pt. Zayeedullah Khan, Sugama Sangeetha by Vishwanath and troupe, Folk Songs by Puttegowda and troupe, Karnataka Janapada Parishat, K.R. Nagar Division, Dance Feature by Dr. Kripa Phadke and troupe, Nrityagiri Academy, Puja Kunitha by Kariyappa and troupe, Bannur, Nagari performance by Chakrapani and troupe, Gandhinagar-Mysuru, 'Suthrada Gombe' Yakshagana 'Satya Harischandra' story by H.C. Thammannachar and troupe, Sri Rameshwara Kripa Poshita Yakshagana Mela, Hallare, Sri Manteswamy Mahakavya by Malavalli Madevaswamy and troupe, Malavalli, Gandhinagar, 7th Cross, Bus Stand Grounds, **4 pm.**

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Sri Mahajana Sabha: Discourse on Thiruppavai by Vid. Ramanuja Sharma, Sri Rama Mandira, Krishnamurthypuram, **6 pm to 7.30 pm.**

Sree Andal Mandiram Trust, V.V. Mohalla: Discourse on Thiruppavai by Vidwan Dr. M.A. Alwar, Trust premises, **6.15 pm to 7.30 pm.**

Discourse: Thiruppavai Discourse by Dr. G.V. Narasimhan, Pusthakam Sri Santhana Gopalakrishna Swamy Temple, No.141, College Road, behind Raghavendra Mutt, Chamaraja Mohalla, **6.30 pm to 7.45 pm.**

Chamundi Hill Temple: Sri Chamundeshwari Ammanavara Kotarotsava Vaibhava - Sangeethotsava, Karnatak Classical Music by R. Raghu, accompanied by Vidu. Veena Suresh on violin, Vid. D.V. Prahlada Rao on mridanga and Vid. Jagadish on morching, Temple premises, **6.30 pm to 8.30 pm.**

Arsha Vidya Ashrama: Sri Chidrupanand Sarswati Swamiji delivers discourse on 'Bhagadvad Gita,' Sadvidya School, Narayan Shatri Road, **6.30 pm.**

Sri Venugopalaswamy Temple: Discourse on 'Thiruppavai' by Vidu. Janaki Sheshadri, Temple premises, Tyagaraja Road, near Sai Baba Mandira, **7 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (JAN.9)

Arsha Vidya Ashrama: Sri Chidrupanand Sarswati Swamiji delivers discourse on 'Upnishad,' Eshwara Temple's Shankar Prartana Mandir, V.V. Puram at **7 am;** Sri Chidrupanand Sarswati Swamiji delivers discourse on 'Bhagadvad Gita,' Sadvidya School, Narayan Shatri Road, **6.30 pm.**

Sahara Art and Crafts: Shopping Festival, Exhibition-cum-Sale, Scouts and Guides Grounds, behind DC's office, **10.30 am to 9.30 pm.**

The Institution of Engineers-India (IEI), Mysuru Local Centre: Technical Talk by C.R. Hanumanth, Committee Member, Jungle Scope Charitable Trust, Mysuru, Dr. R. Suresh, Chairman, IEI Mysuru, presides, **6 pm.**

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Sri Tyagaraja Sangeetha Sabha and Sri Krishna Gana Sabha: Flute recital by **Vid. Mysore A. Chandan Kumar,** accompanied by Vid. B.K. Raghu on violin, Vid. G.S. Ramanujam on mridanga, Alwar Kalabhavan, Gokulam, **6.30 pm.**

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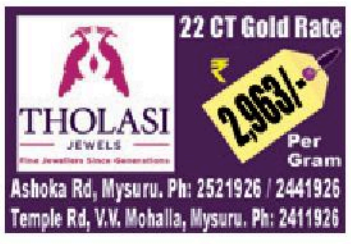

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